

Atty Dkt. No. 066243-0236 (141210)

Application No. 10/816,641

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the detailed Office Action dated August 24, 2005. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the reasons that follow.

Restriction Requirement

On page 2 of the Office Action, the pending claims were restricted into the following groups:

GROUP I: Claims 1-17 and 25, drawn to an electrophysiology system, classified in class 600, subclass 523.

GROUP II: Claims 18-24, drawn to a method comprising acquiring, storing, and transmitting an image of the heart, classified in class 600, subclass 523.

Applicant agrees with the Examiner that the subject matter in the two groups define patentably distinct subject matter. Applicant elects the claims of GROUP I, i.e., claims 1-17 and 25, with traverse on the grounds that the two groupings of claims would not be unduly burdensome to search and examine because much of the art is likely to overlap between the different groups of claims since all of the groups of claims bear some relation to an electrophysiology system. Applicant notes in this regard that the claims in both groups are classified in the same class and subclass. Therefore, the Examiner will not have to search any additional material in order to examine both groups of claims (See MPEP 803.01). Accordingly, Applicant requests withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

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Applicant respectfully submits that the present Application is in condition for allowance. Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if the Examiner needs anything or if a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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